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A RARE SIGHT ON MAIN ST. TODAY



Here's a rare sight on Stouffville's Main St., but one that was quite common just a few years back. The Tribune cameraman snapped this outfit tethered on the "main drag" one day last week. The horse and buggy belong to Leslie Wideman, east end farmer who still makes use of this four-footed transportation in preference to a gas buggy. The buggy here itself is quite an antique, and was manufactured by John Hall in the Markham Carriage Works more than a half century ago.

Uxbridge Twp. Tax Rate 8.3 Mills Over Last Year

"It's the trend of the times" commented clerk John Ashenhurst at the regular meeting of Uxbridge Twp. Council last week as the members thoughtfully figured out how much of an increase there would be in the tax rate for the coming year. "If we skin through this year we'll be worse off again next year" continued Dep. Reeve Bert Tindall as a considerable increase became more evident. Clerk Ashenhurst presented each of the Councillors with an estimate of the expenses they could expect for the coming year so they might be able to decide on the amount of taxes to be collected to cover these expenses.

An estimate of the revenue was set at \$14150.23 with the expenditures amounting to \$31635.00 leaving a total of \$17534.77 to be raised by taxes. By far the largest layout of money was set for the roads with \$22000.00 being set aside for this purpose. Salaries, relief costs and hospitalization followed in that order. Other expenditures were fire protection at \$600.00, live stock claims \$650.00, printing and postage \$475.00, interest on loans \$340.00, T.B. aftercare \$120.00, police service \$250.00 and others. The largest revenue is obtained from the road subsidy with \$11000.00 being taken in from this source. Dog tax, grants, and interest on subsidy make up the rest.

It was thought by Reeve Catherwood that the Council would be unable to scrape through on the allotted \$22,000.00 they had allowed for roads for the coming year. However it was brought up that there would not be a new truck to buy which cost the township over \$11,000.00 and used up a

great deal of the money set aside for road work.

The County rate was set at 9.27 mills as compared with 6.87 mills for last year. The Township rate rose to 11.3 mills an increase of 2.7 mills over the year just ended. The basic rate for schools reached a high of 10.9 mills with a High School area rate of 4.93 mills. A total mill rate of 36.40 mills was reached in comparison with 28.1 last year. This is an increase of 8.3 mills.

Road Supt. Henry Slack handed in his bill of expenditures from January 1951 to July 31 inclusive. The total payments for bridges, brush and weeds, culverts, dragging, dust laying, ditching, patching, snow removal, wire fence and snow fence amounted to \$8,520.21. The largest expense in this list was for patching work done which amounted to \$2613.41. Snow removal followed close behind with an expense of \$2331.73 in the machinery line which was quite a big thing in Uxbridge Twp. this year was the purchase of their new \$11,037.60 new truck. The cost of operating the maintainer was \$2627.20 while the cost of operating the K8 truck amounted to \$2612.61. Total expenditures amounted to \$26437.17 less a credit of \$4510.00 leaving a total of \$21927.17. The amount subject to subsidy is \$21807.67.

The old subject of whether to lay new sidewalks in Goodwood was brought into the light again by Dep. Reeve Bert Tindall. "There hasn't been much work done in Goodwood lately and the taxes have gone up considerably" declared the Dep. Reeve. "What benefit do the people of Goodwood

get out of the new truck we purchased, yet they help pay for it" Mr. Tindall continued "they've been looking for these sidewalks for a long time."

"The water lays over the sidewalks now and it still will continue to do so in the spring of the year" declared Road Supt. Slack.

"At least it won't be broken up and will be safe to walk on," argued Dep. Reeve Tindall. It was then decided by the Council that something should be done about sections of the sidewalk in Goodwood before someone tripped and broke a leg on the out of place slabs.

Population Gain Over 400 in Ten Years

First figures compiled and released as a result of the 1951 census show important population gains in surrounding municipalities in the last ten years. All but three of 39 centres over 5,000 population showed more people in 1951 than in 1941, and of 487 centres similar to Stouffville, only 79 declined in size.

Stouffville has shown a gain of 448 in the last ten years, and is listed with a number of other neighboring communities.

	1941	1951
Aurora	2,726	3,326
Newmarket	4,026	5,323
Uxbridge	1,406	1,775
Markham	1,204	1,593
Woodbridge	1,044	1,685
Stouffville	1,253	1,701
Richmond Hill	1,345	2,137

Markham Township To Get First Big Grocery Market

Representatives of the Loblaw stores appeared before Markham Township Council on Monday evening in connection with the erection of a huge grocery market 100'x140' on the northeast corner of Steele's Ave. in the township. At present the municipality is in possession of a laneway on the property and agreed to close this narrow roadway for the sum of \$100 and the expense incurred in such closing to be borne by the Loblaw Co.

The chain store men told council that the erection of this store would open a new shopping district in the township and be a distinct advantage to the municipality.

Mr. Beamish of the Beamish Construction Co. presented estimates of paving work proposed for John St., Thornhill and extending to Bayview Ave. The village portion of the roadway was estimated to cost \$11,500 while the township portion which council had agreed to cover was estimated at \$9,900. Nine thousand dollars had been budgeted for paving, a portion to be done on the 9th con. near Stouffville. However, Stouffville Municipal Council did not budget for this road expenditure and as a consequence the paving which is being done by the township on a trial basis will be delayed at least a year.

Local Rink Wins Simpson Cup

The Simpson Co. trophy was captured by Stouffville lady bowlers on the local greens recently. The winners were skipped by Mrs. Gordon Lemon with Mrs. Les Wilson lead and Mrs. Carl Boardway vice. Second place went to Mrs. Gibbs of Oshawa and third to Mrs. McBride of Whitby.

Mrs. Kathleen M. Verner and son Keith from Houston, Texas, have been visiting with her brother, Dr. H. B. Freel, for the past week.

Motor Accident Proved Fatal For 86-Year-Old Resident

Just two weeks after he was involved in a motor accident near the 9th con. of Pickering and the Markham townline, Wellington Wideman passed away on Friday, August 17th, in the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville. Mr. Wideman who was driving a horse and buggy at the time of the accident in which he was thrown from the rig, had scarcely known a sick day up until that time, although he was in his 87th year.

The late Wellington Wideman was a son of Christian and Hannah Wideman, and was born on the Pickering-Markham townline not far from his present home. He farmed on the 10th con. of Markham for half a century before moving to his ten-acre place on the rear of that farm, ten years ago. Sixty years ago he married Sarah Jane Howett, and the couple would have celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary this December.

The late Mr. Wideman was a member of the United Missionary Church. A reserved man, he was always busy with his farm and took no part in public life. While his family operated a motor car as early as 1916, Mr. Wideman continued to depend on the horse and buggy for his transportation and was travelling in this fashion at the time of his accident with a truck.

Besides his wife, deceased is survived by one son Percy of Markham, and a daughter, Fern (Mrs. Bright) at home; he has one brother Henry Wideman, Pickering Township, and a sister, Mrs. B. Reesor, Altona. There are three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The funeral on Monday, Aug. 20th, was conducted from the funeral chapel of L. E. O'Neill by Rev. H. S. Hallman. The pall-

bearers were all nephews of the deceased, Edward and Arthur Wideman, Ken and Stanley Reesor, Ernest Carruthers and William Coates. Interment was made in Dickson's Hill Cemetery.

Wife of Reeve Ogden Passes in Toronto Western Hospital

Mrs. Gertrude Constable Ogden, wife of Stouffville's Reeve, passed away in Toronto Western Hospital at 7.30 on Wednesday morning, Aug. 15th, which she had entered 18 days earlier for treatment. Although in poor health for the past two years, her last illness was only of some four weeks' duration.

Rev. Douglas Davis conducted the funeral service in L. E. O'Neill's Chapel on Friday afternoon, Aug. 17th, followed by interment in Stouffville Cemetery. Pallbearers were Messrs. L. C. Murphy, David Stouffer, William Griffiths and Horace Walsh of Stouffville, and Emery Culp and Arnold Henderson of Ingersoll.

Mrs. Ogden was born in Epsom, Surrey, England, 53 years ago, the daughter of William Constable and Amy Street Constable. On coming to this country, she made her home in Stamford Centre, in which place she was married in 1924 to Henry Ogden.

Following their marriage, the Ogdens resided in Unionville, later moving to farm at Culloden. After making their home in Ingersoll for a time, they came to Stouffville seven years ago this month.

The late Mrs. Ogden was a lady of quiet demeanor, and was well-known for her activities in the Eastern Star, being Past Matron of Markham Chapter, and a member of the Campbell Ross Matrons' Club in Toronto. She was a former member of the Loyal Orange Benevolent Association also, and was identified with Stouffville United Church.

Village residents will recall the Ogdens celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on the 25th of November, twenty-one months ago. Besides her husband, one son Kenneth and one daughter Doreen, as well as an infant granddaughter, are heréaved by Mrs. Ogden's passing. One sister, Mrs. Arthur Seeley (Amy) of Thornhill, and a half-sister and step-mother residing in England, also survive.

Miss Betty Woodland spent the weekend at home after holidaying in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caulfield also spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Wagg.

ATTENTION VETERANS

Warriors Day at the C.N.E. will be Saturday, Aug. 25th. Free tickets are available from Lloyd Weldon, Len Buckland or Geo. Saunders. These tickets are for all veterans and their families.

Measured Assessment on the Way, Whitchurch, Markham

Expressing his willingness to meet with all township councils to familiarize them with equalized assessment, York County Assessor, A. Simmons, recently addressed the assessors of the county on this subject at Newmarket. A report of this meeting was brought to Whitchurch Township Council at their last regular meeting.

"Will it be better or worse," queried Councillor E. L. McCarron. "It'll certainly take the guesswork out of assessing," commented Clerk Jack Crawford.

The opinion was expressed that small properties would be affected more than farm lands. Reeve McLaughlin stated that he hoped when the new system came into being, it was compulsory, as it was his contention that under such a

system there was no hope of lower taxes.

In order to proceed immediately with the new school building for section No. 13 Whitchurch, council voted the sum of \$10,000 to the treasurer as an advance on the debenture issue of \$50,000. More money will be advanced as needed. This loan will bear interest at 4 1/2%.

Payment of \$100. was authorized to Jacob Grove as rent for the township dump plus two days at \$6.00.

The clerk was instructed to obtain legal advice and to proceed to close road allowance on the Green property, part of lot 67, con. 1, east in front of lot 6 to 13 inclusive, in plan 362 as requested by the Board of School Section No. 13, owners of the property.

Local Plowman Allowed in Exhibition Contest Only

Bethany, Mo., Aug. 16—A Canadian champion plowman arrived here today from Stouffville, Ontario, believing he was to be entered in the National contest here tomorrow.

But officials had 25-year-old Robert Timbers slated for "exhibition" plowing only. He will work in the contest with the 20 other entries. But even if he outpoints them all, a United States winner will be selected instead.

An expense award of \$100. equal to highest cash prize given a national winner, helps to modify his disappointment, he said late today. And he will get a chance to match the national winner later this year in an international plowing contest in Ontario.

Officials had good reason to limit his plowing to exhibition only. He comes from a family of champion plowmen. His father was a champion of Canada. His uncle was a champion of Canada and the United States both.

Leo Drake from Memphis, Mo., was awarded the championship in competition and along with Graham Stewart, Plainfield, Ill., who stood second will visit Canada in October to plow at the international match.

Real Estate Business Continues To Boom

Property turnover in Stouffville continued at a pace this week with the sale of the Fred Chessman property on Stouffer St. just north of the Congregational-Christian Church, to Mr. J. L. Toole of Toronto. The reported sale price was \$7,000 and possession will be given on Sept. 15th.

Mr. Chessman has purchased the Chas. Woodcock house on the 10th con. of Markham just south of the cemetery grounds. One half acre of land goes with the property and the selling price was \$4,700.

The Henry Dyck house on Main St. east, the former well-known Lintner home, has been sold to Milton Burk of Brougham. Mr. Burk is a councillor in Pickering Township. The sale price of the place was \$9,000 and possession will be given April 1st of next year.

Mr. Ken Campbell representing the W. J. Warren Real Estate Agency negotiated the above transactions.

An interesting visitor to town on Wednesday of this week was R. H. Coulson of Niagara Falls. Mr. Coulson is a son of the late R. P. Coulson, who was reeve of Stouffville more than forty years ago. Mr. Coulson left town as a young man and is now manager of the Guaranty Trust Company at the Falls.

Clerk John Ashenhurst Uxbridge Township Building Inspector

The topic of building inspector arose at the regular meeting of Uxbridge Council last week and since no one had anyone in mind to take the position Clerk John Ashenhurst consented to fill the vacancy at least until the end of the year. It was agreed by the members that there wasn't as much to do in Uxbridge Township for a building inspector as in some of the other townships as the building wasn't too brisk. The man to fill the job would need to have a knowledge of the building bylaw plus a knowledge of the construction of buildings. The position would not be a full time job but the inspector would be paid according to his mileage per hour.

It was decided to sell 1.5 of an acre from Goodwood Community Park to the Department of Highways for a price of \$150.00. This land will be used for the extension of the new highway running from Lincolnville to Goodwood.

Gormley Man's Miniature House To be On Display

This year a miniature bungalow built of match sticks will be on display at the C.N.E. outside the Give-Away Bungalow, main floor of the Coliseum.

Twenty-five-year-old Allan Sider of Gormley, Ont., worked evenings for four months and used 37 boxes of matches to construct this modern six-room home, complete with recreation room and attached garage. Measuring 26 inches long and 13 inches wide, it boasts a lawn, shrubbery, gravel driveway and even a toy dog and doghouse.

Outstanding feature of the little match bungalow is the novel lighting system operated by a series of 12 knobs set in the side of the platform holding the bungalow. The lighting of each room is controlled by pulling out the knobs.

The interior, consisting of a living-dining room, bathroom, two bedrooms, back hallway, side landing, vestibule, kitchen, recreation room and front porch, is painted and furnished with doll furniture. On the glass windows are hung curtains made by Mr. Sider himself.

Arena a Floral Masterpiece For Horticultural Show

The Stouffville Horticultural Society held its 26th annual flower show in the Stouffville Arena recently in which nearly 600 entries participated. It was one of the largest shows in the history of the society. Besides the regular flower display there were other exhibits such as vegetables, bird houses, school lunches, decorated doll carriages, baking and sewing.

The entire space of the newly constructed arena was filled to capacity with the colourful display. Mr. Ernie Kohler of Thornhill, gardener for Mr. George McCullough, was the flower judge. Mrs. Mitchell of Newmarket judged the sewing and baking; Mrs. Duffield, Mrs. A. Fleming and Miss G. Brooks judged the decorated doll carriages.

The judging was done in the afternoon and in the evening the public was admitted. A program was held and the judge explained his reasons for his various prize selections. Next year the society intends to make the affair a two day session as the number of entries and interest is on the increase. The new classes for baking and sewing created particular interest, while the parade of decorated doll carriages proved one of the "hits" of the evening performance. A complete list of the prize winners may be found in the second section of this week's issue.

Playoff Baseball Here Thursday

Lindsay Walkwoods will visit Memorial Park here this Thursday commencing at 6 p.m. for the first game of the round-robin Tri-County League playoffs with Stouffville Red Sox.

Legion Puts Fifth Car on the Road

Stouffville Legion members are now selling tickets on the fifth car which this organization has given away as a lucky draw prize in the past few years. The new car is a Ford Custom Model fully equipped.

Only recently Mr. W. J. Dods of Toronto held the lucky ticket on a Deluxe Ford model given away at the Legion street dance. Mr. W. J. Dods was owner of an ancient vehicle and was quite carried away by his good fortune. He was away from home on holidays at the time of the draw and committee members were only able to contact him on his return.